

REMARKS

Claims 61-100 are pending in the instant application. *No new matter has been added.*

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

- I. Claims 61-95 and 100, drawn to monoclonal antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 388.4.
- II. Claims 96-99, drawn to polynucleotide encoding an antibody, vector and cell, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I for continued examination and prosecution on the merits, *with traverse.*

Applicants wish to point out that all of the claims in the instant application are related to the anti-LTA antibodies of the invention. It is the Applicant's position that the subject matter claimed in Groups I and II, although patentably distinct, is related and should appropriately be examined together. In addition, Applicants believe that a search of anti-LTA antibodies of the invention would encompass any references useful in *inter alia* the examination of polynucleotides or vectors encoding said antibodies or methods employing said antibodies. In view of the relatedness of the claimed subject matter, it is the Applicant's position that a search and examination of all of the claims of Groups I and II would be coextensive and therefore would not place an undue burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

SUMMARY

Applicants believe no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SYNI-003CN from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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